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SUBJECT: IMPORT DUTY-ACETATE YARN

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1. E/C COUNSELOR SPOKE AGAIN WITH CLAVE MORNING MARCH 5. CLAVE SAID THAT FINANCE SECRETARY VIRATA "AND OTHERS" HAD SPOKEN WITH PRESIDENT ABOUT MATTER THE DAY BEFORE, BUT THAT PRESIDENT AS YET HAD TAKEN NO FURTHER ACTION. AMCIT LAWYER WILLIAM QUASHA WHO HAS CLIENT WITH INTEREST IN CASE SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED US THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO HIM CONFIRMS THIS. HE SAYS HE NOW HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT DOCUMENT WHICH HAS BEEN "ON PRESIDENT'S DESK" FOR MANY WEEKS WAS MEMORANDUM FROM VIRATA RECOMMENDING CORRECTIVE ACTION. QUASHA SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT MALACANANG LEGAL STAFF IS NOW DRAFTING DECREE, WHICH HE INTERPRETS AS HOPEFUL SIGN.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHAT FOREGOING MEANS, BUT IT DOES APPEAR THAT THERE HAS AT LONG LAST BEEN SOME MOVEMENT IN THE DIRECTION OF A DECISION ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.
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